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Dear

Contract DE-AC05-00OR22800, DOE/IG-0875, Special Report on "Review of the Compromise of Security Test Materials at the Y-12 National Security Complex" (the "Testing Report")

Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12, LLC (B&W Y-12), the management and operating contractor at the Y-12 National Security Complex, respectfully submits this letter to correct and clarify an important issue in the Testing Report. We respectfully ask that you append this letter to the Testing Report.

The issue that B&W Y-12 wishes to address is:

The Testing Report could be construed to suggest that it was common practice, at other DOE or NNSA sites managed and operated by companies related to B&W Y-12, to distribute tests to the persons being tested — the Security Police Officers (SPOs) — for review in advance of the actual testing. (Testing Report, page 2, bullet 1 and page 5, first paragraph.) We believe that language could misconstrue what a B&W Y-12 employee reported to the IG, which is that advance management — *not* SPO — review of such materials is common.

We believe the language in the Testing Report regarding the distribution of testing materials at other sites was drawn from interviews conducted with a B&W Y-12 employee. But our employee has told us that he identified a common practice of having *contractor management review* of test materials in advance of administering tests. That is dramatically different from advance review by the persons to be tested, which is what occurred at Y-12 due to actions of Wackenhut Services Incorporated personnel.

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B&W Y-12 would be glad to offer the employee for a further interview if you believe it would be helpful in ensuring an accurate record and appropriate conclusions. Please let us know if and when you would like to schedule such an interview.

Sincerely yours,

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